

West Main Project Goals Givens and Issues

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Goals, Givens and Issues (November 9, 2010):



The Goals, Givens and Issues are important to understanding the project needs and requirements. These were presented at the Open House held at the City Hall council chambers on October 29, 2009

The project Goals provide the vision for the Project Team's focus:

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GOALS

- **Realign Main Street to meet Ocean Beach Highway;**
- **Reduce traffic congestion at major corridor intersections;**
- **Create a western gateway feature for Kelso with an attractive, cohesive boulevard streetscape that improves pedestrian safety;**
- **Facilitate future transitional zoning compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan;**
- **Encourage a network of parallel routes, facilitating access management and re-configured intersections; and**
- **Provide opportunities for revitalization of the commercial corridor along Main Street.**

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Givens are a key element in defining essential boundaries for the project team, and for the West Main Realignment Project are:

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PROJECT "GIVENS"

- **Alternative alignments will be "built on" on previous study criteria.**
- **The project will be a realignment that consists of a crossover segment between Main Street and Catlin Street.**
- **Improvements will be those needed to build the realignment; off-corridor enhancements that may be identified will be part of a future capital improvement plan for the area.**
- **The realigned roadway will be under City jurisdiction except for the intersections at 1st Avenue (SR 411) and Cowlitz Way (SR 4).**
- **The realigned roadway will be classified as a Principal Arterial according to the City's Functional Classification ("Major Arterial" in the City's Design Standards). The desired cross section may require design deviations from the City.**
- **Final decision making authority is the responsibility of the Kelso City Council by way of adoption of the Corridor Plan.**

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Issues arise in any project, and help frame limitations that must be considered in the design and project decisions, and have been identified as:

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KEY ISSUES

- Lane and Intersection Configuration
- Pedestrian Circulation / Bicycle Routes
- Urban Design Features That Can Support Future Redevelopment
- Design Speed
- Access Management
- Property Impacts
- Parking
- Accommodating Truck Traffic
- Fairgrounds Access



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Focus on these goals, givens and issues resulted in selection of Alternative 3A, with a crossover beginning at 2nd Avenue and meeting Catlin at 4th Avenue. The Design Team at OTAK is working on what is termed "30% design" for the entire project. This design effort will provide a solid overview of what the project will look like when it is complete.

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